

In the specification:

Please substitute the following paragraphs for the paragraphs at the indicated locations in the specification as originally filed or most recently amended.

Page 2, line 22+:

For an optical system ~~relying~~ relying on a clamping system to secure optics in place and in alignment, large clamping forces may be required to meet the 6G specification where the clamping force must at least equal the mass of the optic multiplied by six times the acceleration of gravity. Due to various factors such as available space, materials costs and the like space for holding the optics may be very small. Large clamping forces applied over small areas for holding or mounting the optic generate high levels of stress. Unfortunately, some materials from which some parts of an assembly may be made may be subject to degradation of important properties when subjected to stresses for substantial periods of time.